# Happiness is 4-H

**By Frank Sweet**
**Extension Agent**

Last week's 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip to Wisconsin was a rewarding experience for the ten 4-H members and four chaperones who took part in the program. Rock County, Wisconsin, was quite a contrast from Appomattox, with a population of over 150,000 people and over 3,000 4-H members. Rock County has one of the largest 4-H programs in Wisconsin.

The single most impressive statistic about the Rock County 4-H program was the fact that when a young person signed up to join 4-H, his or her parents also signed up as 4-H helpers and agreed to help with the 4-H club as organizational leaders, project teachers, etc. The result was, of course, that each 4-H member had the support and encouragement of parents who were knowledgeable, interested, and involved in the 4-H Club program. This support became even more evident at the Rock County 4-H Fair (the largest youth fair in U.S.) where there were over 16,000 4-H exhibits.

Appomattox's 4-H'ers involved in the trip will have the opportunity to present programs for community groups or civic clubs who are interested in learning more about the 4-H Interstate Exchange program.

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We have recently received entry forms for entering livestock in the State Fair in Richmond. The forms and details are available from the Extension Office.

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Glen McClenny and Blair Smith were the only Senior 4-H'ers completing Achievement Records this year. Our county had been sending from eight to twelve books each year over the past years. Achievement Records will be judged during August with the winners attending National 4-H Congress in Chicago during late November.

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David Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hancock, will represent Appomattox at the annual 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond at the John Marshall Hotel. This annual event is held through the support of the electrical power suppliers of Virginia.

OFFICERS FROM the Appomattox FFA Chapter, Lisa Coleman and Cecil Jacobs, and the Appomattox Middle FFA Chapter, Steven Thoma and David Wingfield, left August 2 for a week in Smithfield, Virginia, to attend FFA State Leadership School. They will be participating in various classes designed to provide them with the necessary skills needed to carry out their duties in the up-coming school year. Shown above (from left) are Lisa Coleman, David Wingfield, Steven Thomas, and Cecil Jacobs.

*Starting Sept. 4*

# Doves to be fair game

September 4, 1982 marks the opening of the season for mourning doves this year as a result of decisions made by the Game Commission during their meeting held in Richmond, Virginia on July 23.

That facet of the dove season will close October 30, 1982. The second section of the dove season is due to open December 20, 1982 and will close on January 1, 1983.

The bag limit for the dove season is 12 per day, 24 in possession with the shooting hours during the initial phase from noon until sunset. During the second phase, the shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise until sunset.

From September 11, 1982 through November 19, 1982 Virginia, king, sora, and clapper rails will be legal game. Bag limits are 15 per day for kings of clappers (either all one species or the two species mixed).

The daily limit for Virginia rails or sora rails is 25 birds either in aggregate or singly. Woodcock season will open on November 1, 1082 and is scheduled to close on January 4, 1983. The limit for woodcock is five per day with the shooting hours set for from one hour before sunrise until sunset. The period for hunting snipe was set for an opening on October 18, 1982, with a closing date of January 31, 1983.

Vincent Tate

At Holliday Lake

# Outstanding camper cited

Holiday Lake 4-H Center has selected another outstanding camper. Vincent Tate, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce Tate of Cumberland, was chosen for his involvement in the camp's programs and for his friendliness towards others. Vincent received a half scholarship to return to camp next summer.


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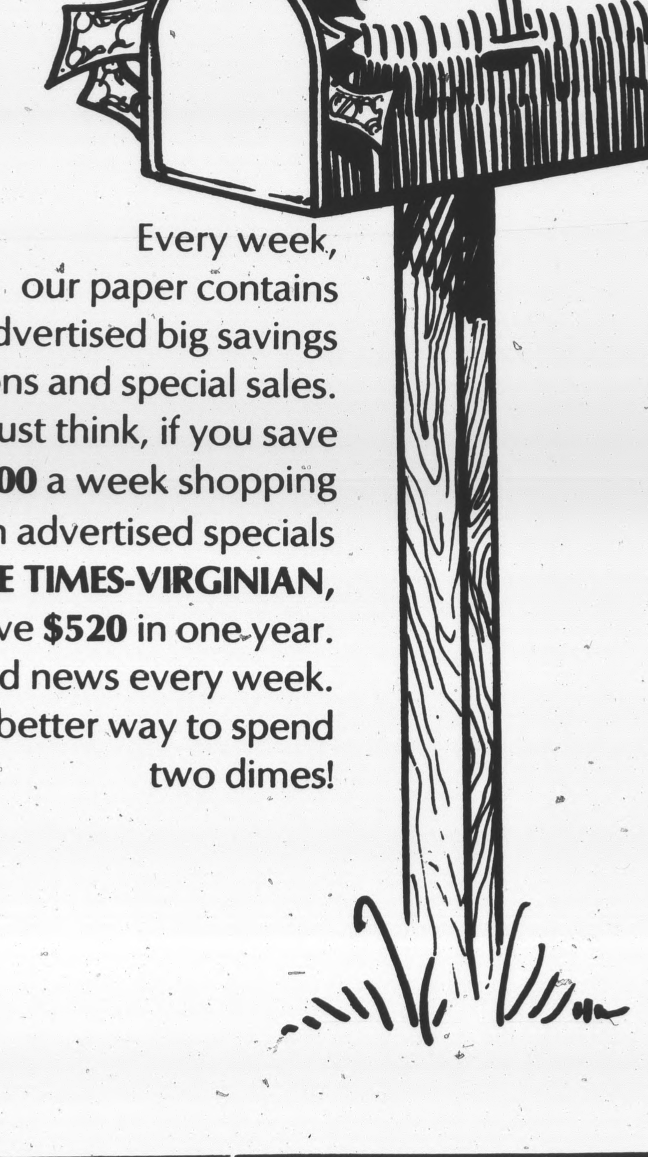


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*SS annual meeting*

# Harris, Massey elected to board

Mr. John C. Harris of Evergreen and B C. Massey of Pamplin were elected to the local Advisory Board at the Southern States Annual Membership meeting held in Appomattox on July 21.

Over 50 stockholder-members and their families attended the session.

Mr. Dennis Drinkard of Appomattox was named chairman of the local board, while Mr. Hunt Hamilton of Appomattox was selected as vice-chairman.

Elected to the local Southern States Farm Home Advisory Committee were: Mrs. Russell L. Cordell of Appomattox, Va. and Mrs. E. Carter Martin of Appomattox.

Mrs. Cliff Plunkett of Appomattox was chosen as chairman of the Farm Home Advisory Committee and Mrs. Ted W. Layne of Appomattox was named secretary.

Mr. Hunt P. Hamilton of Appomattox was selected as a delegate to represent the local membership at the Southern States Cooperative's 59th Annual Stockholders Meeting to be held in November. Mr. B. C. Massey of Pamplin was named alternate.

G. Maxey Slater of Richmond, a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional staff, reported on the over-all Southern States operations for the 1981-82 fiscal year. This report also included a slide-tape presentation entitled "Cooperation--Strategy for Success," which pointed out that cooperation among farmers through their cooperatives has been a strategy for success for American agriculture yesterday, today, as well as promising to be an even more clearly defined strategy for success in the future.

The report on local operations and services rendered to farmer members in the community was given by Mr. Ronald Coleman Co-manager of Coleman and Sons, Inc.

There was also a special recognition ceremony for new board members, Farm Home Advisory Committee members, as well as those from these groups who were retiring. These included: Boyd Thompson, Jimmy E. Tweedy, Mrs. J. B. Drinkard, Jr. and Mrs. O. B. Garriss.

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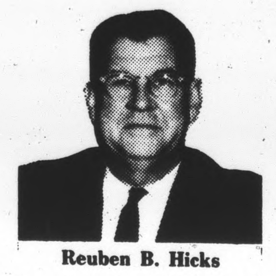
# Business News

SEC Board

# R.B. Hicks is chosen



Reuben B. Hicks

Reuben B. Hicks, of Brodnax, a native of Brunswick County, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Southside Electric Cooperative to fill the unexpired term of O.S. Williams of Lawrenceville. Mr. Hicks assumed his duties at the July meeting of the Board.

Mr. Williams resigned in May after 42 years as a board member.

Mr. Hicks recently retired as General Manager of the Prince William Electric Cooperative at Manassas, where he had been for the past 25 years.

Prior to this, he had served as Director of the Member Service Division of SEC in Crewe.

He has served as an Engineer for the VEPCO utility, and was on the faculty of the University of Tennessee. He served in the U. S. Army, holding the Commission of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Artillery.

He received his Bachlor of Science degree from V.P.I. in Agricultural Engineering in 1935 and added the Master of Science degree there two years later. He did special studies at Harvard in 1941.

He and Mrs. Hicks, the former Goode Butterworth, of Dinwiddie, have three children, David. F., Rebekah E., and Elizabeth G.

While in Manassas, Mr. Hicks served as Commander of the American Legion Post; and President of the Lions Club.

He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Virginia Community College, and served as its Vice-Chairman.

He was president of the Northern Virginia Shrine Club; and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Crewe.

He served as president of the Didlake School for the Handicapped in Manassas.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bank at Woodbridge; and a member of the Advisory Board at the Bank of Virginia in Occoquan.

"Hunting, fishing and gardening are my hobbies," he says "but my greatest interest lies in Rural Electrification. I am very proud to be able to represent the SEC Membership in Brunswick County on the Board of Directors."

*From NSPA*

# Baxter earns award

James E. Baxter II, a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been awarded an academic scholarship by the National Society of Public Accountants Scholarship Foundation (NSPA)

Baxter, a senior accounting major, received the $900 grant on the basis of his scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership ability. He was one of 22 recipients chosen from 1,300 students who applied to the foundation.

Baxter, a dean's list student, received the J. Sydnor Mitchell Accounting Award this past spring, which is given annually by Mitchell Wiggins and Company. He is vice-president of Beta Alpha Psi and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

A native of Appomattox, Baxter graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1979. He is presently employed with the State Comptroller's Office in Accounting and Reporting.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Baxter of Rt.3, Box 181 in Appomattox.

The Scholarship Foundation was organized in 1969 by the NSPA to provide financial assistance to deserving college. junior college and business school students who indicate a firm intention to pursue careers in public acountinmg.

# Travel up in June

June travel on the state's major highways increased by 3.4 percent over the same month a year ago, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation said today.

Passenger vehicles registered out-of-state led the way with a rise of 5.1 per cent over June, 1981. Travel by all passenger vehicles was up 3.9 per cent, with Virginia-registered passenger vehicles showing an increase of 3.7 per cent, compared to the same month a year ago.

Bus and truck travel was up 2.1 per cent when compared to June, 1981.

Department officials said that although travel was up, the use of compact and more fuel-efficient vehicles still restrains gas tax revenues.

The travel statistics were compiled from counts taken at 264 locations on Virginia's interstate, arterial, and primary highways, according to A. L. Thomas, Jr., the department's traffic and safety engineer.

# Gifted & Talented advisory committee meets Aug. 13

The Advisory Committee For Gifted and Talented education in the Appomattox County Public Schools will meet on Friday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the School Board Annex.

Committee members will review the handbook developed for usage in the local school division. Principals from each school will give an overview of the program in their respective schools.

Members of the committee were appointed to serve by the School Board. Members include Mrs. Mary Etta Irby, Mrs. Margaret Harvey, Mrs. Laura McClenny and Mr. Paul Kvasnicka, Jr.

The function of the committee is to receive information on the county program and make recommendations for consideration by those persons responsible for planning and implementing the program.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